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1. WE HAVE DEFERRED APPROACH ON GSP TO GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE (GPRM) BECAUSE: A) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS EMBASSY WAS NOT FORMALLY RECOGNIZED BY GPRM UNTIL DECEMBER 9, 1975; B) ALTHOUGH MOZAMBIQUE IS A GSP DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY COUNTRY, SOME OF FACTORS PRECLUDING ELIGIBILITY CITED IN TEXT OF STR ANNOUNCEMENT CONTAINED REF A COULD APPLY TO MOZAMBIQUE. WE HAVE BEEN GATHERING INFORMATION TO ASSIST DEPARTMENT IN MAKING THIS DETERMINATION: C) STATE 289095 INDICATED DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST IN DEFERRING DISCUSSIONS WITH GPRM ON ECONOMIC MATTERS UNTIL ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 2. A FURTHER DELAY IN SENDING THIS MESSAGE WAS OCCASIONED BY CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN LOURENCO MARQUES DURING DEC 17-20, AND POWER OUTAGES THAT INTERFERED WITH OUR COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. MOREOVER, BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN ON MINIMIZE FOR SOME MONTHS, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED ALL MESSAGE APPLICABLE TO GSP.
- 3. WITH REGARD TO FACTORS ON ELIGIBILITY CITED IN STR
 ANNOUNCEMENT: TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, GPRM HAS NOT, SINCE INDEPDENDENCE
 OF MOZAMBIUQE ON JUNE 25, 1975, EXPRESSED "ITS DESIRE TO BE
 DESIGNATED AS A BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY", NO OTHER
 MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES YET EXTEND TO IT SIMILAR GENERALIZED
 TARIFF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT (ALTHOUGH IT IS ELIGIBLE FOR
 EEC PREFERENCES), AND IT HAS NOT, IN ANY FORMAL WAYN "ASSURED
 THE US OF REASONABLE ACCESS TO ITS MARKETS AND BASIC COMMODITY
 RESOURCES."

4. STR ANNOUNCEMENT FURTHER STATES, INTER ALIA, QUOTE THE LAW PRECLUDES GSP FOR ANY COUNTRY WHICH: A) IS A COMMUNIST COUNTRY, UNLESS IT IS A MEMBER OF GATT AND IMF, RECIVES MFN TREATMENT, AND IS NOT DOMINATED OR CONTROLLED BY IMTERNATIONAL COMMUNISH UNOUOTE. MOZAMBIOUE IS NOT YET A MEMBER OF GATT OR IMF, DOES NOT RECEIVE MFN TREATMENT AND, IN OUR VIEW, "IS NOT DOMINATED OR CONTROLLED BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM". HOWEVER, NEITHER REFS A NOR B DEFINE " A COMMUNIST COUNTRY." ODEOLOGICALLY, MOZAMBIQUE'S NEW GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS ITSELF TO BE NON-ALIGNED, LEANING HEAVILY TOWARD THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. WHICH IT CONSIDERS ITS "NATURAL ALLIES." IN MAKING THIS DETERMINATION FOR PURPOSES OF GSP TREATMENT, THE DEPART-MENT SHOULD REVIEW THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIOUE, ADOPTED JUNE 25, 1975, AND ESPECIALLY ARTICLES 2, 8, 12, 13, 14 AND 22 (SEE LOURENCO MARQUES A-80, JULY 3, 1975) THE FOLLOWING QUOTATIONS ARE PROVIDED TO FURTHER ASSIST DEPARTMENT IN SITUATING THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE ON THE ODEOLOGICAL SPECUTRUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH GSP GUIDELINES:

A. PRESIDENT SAMORA MOISES MACHEL ON OCCASION OF INSTALLATION OF TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, SEPT. 20, 1974; "WE CANNOT TOLERATE ONE OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES OWNING THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION.. WE ARE ENGAGED IN A REVOLUTION WHOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADVANCE DEPENDS ON THE CREATION OF THE NEW MAN, WITH A NEW MENTALITY. WE ARE ENGAGED IN A REVOLUTION AIRMED AT THE ESTABLISHEMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC POWER OF THE PEOPLE."

B. PRESIDENT MACHEL IN JUNE 1975 ISSUE OF "AFRICA" MAGAZINE: "MOZAMBIQUE WILL BE THE FIRST FULLY MARXIST STATE IN AFRICA."

C. MACHEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY SPEECH, JUNE 25, 1974; "THE

STATE IS ALWAYS THE ORGANIZED FORM THROUGH WHICH A CLASS TAKES POWER IN ORDER TO FULFILL ITS INTERESTS. THE COLONIAL STATE... MUST BE REPLACED BY A PEOPLE'S STATE. OUR TASK IS PRIMARILY A MATTER OF CARRYING OUT AN IDEOLOGICAL OFFENSIVE TO WIPE OUT THE COLONIAL AND CAPITALIST MENTALITY."

D. SAME: "THE TASK OF MOBILIZING AND ORGANIZING THE MASSES IN THE TOUGH CLASS STRUGGLE WHICH IS APPROACHING CAN BE ENTRUSTED ONLY TO CADRES WHO HAVE BEEN PUT TO THE TEST OF PRACTICE."

E. SAME: "IN THE SOCIETY WE WANT TO BUILD, THE STATE WILL BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT ALL CHANGE IN SOCIETY IS THE RESULT OF MAN'S EFFORT ON THE FRONTS OF CLASS STRUGGLE."

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